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SAYS KWANGTUNG DELTA REGION CONDITIONS IMPROVE

MILITIA MAINTAINS ORDER IN K'AI-P'ING -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 17 Jan 50

K'ai-p'ing -- Recently Li Chung-min, Deputy Chairman of the K'ai-p'ing Hsien People's government, made an inspection tour of the Third District of K'ai-p'ing. His observations, as related to a correspondent of this newspaper, follow:

"I visited several villages in the Ch'ih-shui District, saw 'peasants' associations and militia being organized rapidly. I saw the double reductions [reduction in rent and interest] being enforced, and noticed considerable improvement in the living standard of the peasants.

"The militia are assigned to maintain public order and enforce the regulations against gambling and opium smoking. Especially to be commended is the Ch'ih-shui Militia which rounded up the remnants of the Kuomintang armed forces in this hsien recently. The revolutionary new order is being established smoothly; transportation is being restored; and the economy is gradually being rehabilitated.

"Recently, when the district government called on the peasants to carry out winter planting to increase production, the response was very gratifying. This program was made necessary because the food stockpiles from the earlier harvests were ransacked by the fleeing KMT troops.

"At first the villagers were afraid of the new government and the People's Liberation Army. But we have succeeded in winning their confidence because our program and attitude have been just and sincere."

FORBIDS OPIUM SMOKING IN HAO-SHAN -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 17 Jan 50

Hao-shan -- Since the directive was issued by the Hao-shan Hsien Second District People's government forbidding the smoking of opium, 12 secret opium dens were uncovered in three villages. On 8 December, much opium smoking equipment was seized in Hao-shan. The local populace were asked to help the authorities in crushing opium rings. Some opium smokers have voluntarily given themselves up to the authorities.

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Recently, the Anti-Opium Crusade Corps was organized in Hao-shan. The corps has visited Lung-k'uo and other villages and gave lectures on the evil of opium smoking.

ENFORCES JUST DISTRIBUTION OF LAND -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 18 Jan 50

Hao-shan -- Many villagers in the Ching-kang area of Hao-shan Hsien are happy about the just distribution of land recently completed in this area. In other villages where land reforms have not started, the poor peasants are organizing into working corps to enforce the rational distribution of land and to form peasants' associations. In Hao-shan District, a working corps of the People's government went into rural areas to help the farmers plant wheat or to care for schoolchildren while their parents work in fields.

PLA WINS CONFIDENCE OF SHIH-CH'I POPULACE -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 25 Jan 50

Shih-ch'i -- Last month when the People's Liberation Army came into this hsien for the mopping-up campaign against the enemy, they asked the local grain dealers and fuel dealers for loans of grain and gasoline. The grain was urgently needed to feed the front-line troops while the gasoline was required to transport the grain to the front. Shortly after, the borrowed grain and fuel were returned as promised.

When the Kwangsi and Kwangtung Column came into this hsien, they could not use the people's currency because it was not, at that time, in circulation within the hsien. Rather than antagonize the people, the Column Commander dispatched a responsible person to the local Chamber of Commerce to borrow 500 dollars in Hong Kong currency to be spent in this locality. As usual, the borrowed money was returned promptly. This correct attitude of the People's Liberation Army deeply impressed the people and immediately won their confidence.

SURRENDERING OF ARMS NOT DEMANDED BY CCF -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 26 Jan 50

T'an Hsiang-chun, recently returned to New York from Pai-shui village in T'ai-shan Hsien, gives the following report of conditions there under the Reds.

In Pai-shui there has been no surrendering of arms or billeting; but it is said that in other places, where there was resistance, arms were surrendered. When a large body of troops came through, there was billeting; but Red troops are well-disciplined and the people do not fear them. Red troops are careful not to offend and, when in fault, apologize at once.

Since liberation, prices in T'ai-shan have fallen: rice from 50 to 35 Hong Kong dollars a picul; pork from 3.50 to 3 Hong Kong dollars. All vegetables are now cheaper.

Gambling and the use of narcotics have been forbidden. When the Liberation Army finds a gambler, he is scolded the first time and warned the second. After the third offense he is led away to have his nose whitened [ark of turncoat rascal] eyebrows shaved off, and made to sweep the streets; or he may be paraded in public. In the past all such offenders except those who were arrested, fled to Hong Kong and spent their time writing lies to overseas Chinese.

T'an pictures the countryside as peaceful and says travel facilities have been restored.

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